

David Mead - SB 1013 - moose hunting season

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To the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee:

I'm writing this comment in reference to SB 1013 as I'm unable to attend the Standing Committee Meeting you're holding tomorrow in Lansing. I would appreciate it if you took my words under consideration before making a decision on this matter.

I'm opposed to the opening of a moose hunting season in Michigan. I understand that the moose population is still recuperating from a long decline. It should be protected, not decimated. Allowing the killing of what seems to be a fragile animal population would be irresponsible stewardship. The MDNR's mission is the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations. Why is hunting favored over the conservation and protection of wildlife? Why is the hunting community's "enjoyment" of our natural resources favored over the majority's enjoyment which is to watch and peacefully coexist with these animals? It's time for the MDNR to stop treating our wildlife like mere commodities and the non-hunting community as non-existent. Revenue can be generated from wildlife conservation and protection programs supported by all Michigan residents.

Sincerely,

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